

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 31**  
**INCIDENT NO. 95-04 (FEMA-1050-DR-ND)**  
**DATE: October 3, 1995**                      **TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on October 3, 1995, is 1435.08 feet msl.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:  
  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Local, state and federal agencies are in the process of identifying actions necessary to protect life and property in the Devils Lake basin in 1996. This process began on July 27, 1995 when Devils Lake city officials met with representatives of the ND Division of Emergency Management, State Water Commission, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss protective measures for the city.

Emphasis of the State Flood Coordination Center Meeting, held September 28, 1995, in Devils Lake was on protective measures necessary to prepare for the 1996 runoff. Average runoff into Devils Lake will raise the lake by one foot.

The ND Parks and Recreation Department is placing additional rip rap at Graham's Island State Park. If the Lake would rise above 36 feet msl they would experience problems with their facilities, especially the boat ramp at Graham's Island State Park.

The ND Game and Fish Department has established working elevations of five boat ramps. The operating level of Six Mile Bay, East Bay, and Towers Bait Shop is 1438 feet msl. The operating level of Creel Bay is 1441 feet msl and Black Tiger Bay's operating level is 1439 feet msl.

The ND Forest Service's main concern is tree mortality from continuous inundation. As the trees die, they will fall into the lake increasing the debris problem. The height of the debris problem will occur in about two years. Alternatives being studied include harvesting the trees and/or debris pickup.

The ND National Guard facilities being affected at Camp Gilbert C. Grafton include the Officers' Mess Hall, sewage lagoon, and training sites.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is prepared to support local government in their actions to protect facilities from flood waters. They are working on a proposal to develop a design to raise the dike protecting the city of Devils Lake. This design will allow the dike to be raised up to five feet.

ND Department of Transportation has compiled highway information for lake levels between 1436 feet msl and 1443 feet msl. Between 1436 feet msl and 1440 feet msl, area highway transportation would be subject to intermittent highway closures due to wave action on roadways, erosion damage, and deposition of debris. Between 1440 feet msl and 1443 feet msl, the use of all highways affected by Devils Lake would be very problematic due to both wave inundation and erosion damage.

Public Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND: There have been 1,787 Disaster Survey Reports (DSR's) reviewed and submitted to the Regional Processing Center in Denver (RPC). The RPC has approved 522 DSR's for 101 applicants.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND: As of October 2, 1995, Job Service ND officials reported they have received 4,551 claims for Disaster Unemployment Assistance. Three thousand seventy nine claims have been processed for payment with 1,108 claims pending. Three hundred sixty-four claims have been denied. Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits paid so far are \$2,383,432.00.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous report.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The next State Flood Coordination Center Meeting will be held in Devils Lake on October 26, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.. Participants will continue to discuss potential response requirements for 1996. The meeting site is the Ramsey County Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the courthouse.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas C. Friez  
State Director